

**Beth Chaim Tikkun Olam Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, December 11, 2022**  
**Committee co-chairs: Holly Singer and Becky Marks**  
**Liaison : Rabbi Blum**

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Attendees: Rabbi Blum, Gayle Weisberg, Linda Feldstein, Betsy Ie, Fran Lichtenstein, Helene Molter, Julie Troger, Judi Stober, Holly Singer

- **D'Var Torah** (via Gayle Weisberg): Genesis Chapter 38 - Yayerihev
- **Recap of recent projects:**
  - ✓ **Refugee assistance** (via Betsy Ie): Thanksgiving pie donations – 21 pies donated to more than 15 refugees in local homes; Betsy noted the requirement for all participants to complete a clearance form; we will use sign-up genius online program going forward with requests for multiple volunteers; Rabbi Blum will incorporate requests including ongoing demand for gift cards into B'Mitzvah training and prep.
  - ✓ **JFCS** (Fran Lichtenstein): Thanksgiving drive for 2022 yielded 22 bags of grocery donations and 22 gift cards – higher volume than 2021. Fran concluded the 2022 Holiday LIGHTS drive today with 32 gift cards (Target was most popular donations) including a cash collection from Men's Club that was applied to Target cards.

Fran also received a nice thank you note from JFCS for the Thanksgiving drive:

[edena@jfcsonline.org](mailto:edena@jfcsonline.org): Rabbi Fran and Anne,  
Wow! Another thank you is in order for the beautiful drive to benefit our JFCS clients.  
Thank you again for always being there when you're needed!

- ✓ **Nov. 30 HomeFront dinner:** Becky Marks' Girl scout troop provided the Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> dinner for HomeFront tutoring group, much appreciated all round!
- ✓ **Oct 23 Bike drive:** Mindy Shedler led this very successful event, yielding over 25 bikes for Boys and Girls Club of Mercer County, much appreciated!
- **Scheduled projects – online calendar** <https://www.bethchaim.org/tikkunolam>
  - ✓ **Monthly HomeFront dinners:** Dec 21, Jan 25, Feb. 22, March 22, April 26, May 24
    - Note: Jan 25 dinner to be sponsored/organized by Men's Club, many thanks to Eric Sheffield for coordinating and organizing.
  - ✓ **January 29 (1-3:30), Knitting for a Cause** (via Helene Molter): annual program at Beth Chaim, co-sponsored by Tikkun Olam, involving Craft Havurah, Stitchers for Peace, flyer ready for promotion. Knitted items to benefit several local organizations.
  - ✓ **February Diaper drive for Womanspace** (via Linda Feldstein): annual program, collection runs for 2 weeks in early February, led by Linda; Holly will update 2022 Sign-up Genius form (with Linda's review) and set blast for late January.
    - Note: Diaper drive will coordinate with pre-school's 'Hatching Chickens' Baby Shower on Feb.15
  - ✓ **March: Passover drive for JFCS** (via Fran Lichtenstein): This annual program typically concludes a couple weeks prior to the start of Passover (April 5, 2023). Fran will get a collection deadline and we will schedule accordingly.

Upcoming meetings: January 8, (no Feb. meeting), March 12, April 2, May 14, June 11

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Singer – 12/11/22*